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Vampi's Scarlet Letters

It was nice to see an "action" cover on **VAMPIRELLA** #98, but what did it have to do with the story?

It looks as if Apocalypses Inc. is indeed becoming Vampi's semi-permanent adversary. I'm not sure I favor this, seeing as how it might limit plot possibilities. Pendragon's wish for vengeance provided a reasonable basis for this issue's story, but with this new serious portrayal of him I find myself missing him in his past function of providing the comic relief. *Crysalis* continues to be an interesting, if a rather neglected character but, her ability to call up demons shows signs of becoming *Margopoulos'* all-purpose device for getting himself out of corners that he's written himself into.

The *Cassandra St. Knight* feature continues to try to maintain its odd mixture of the occult and spy story genres, but is having little success in my eyes, at least. We all know that those *CIA* types can be pretty weird, but they do seem to go to unusual lengths in the name of national security. However, some sensible philosophizing by writer *Margopoulos* in the story's last panel helped to partially redeem this installment.

Margopoulos, in his third story of the issue, continued his practice of giving each character a milieu and then atacking with it. In *Pantha's* case it's pseudo-egyptian mythology and it made for a passable, if somewhat disjointed, tale this time. However, the current line seems to be running a little thin. *Vampi* doesn't use her bat form very much, so why is it that *Pantha* turns into a panther in almost every story?

T.M. MAPLE
Toronto, Ontario

Aside from the fact that he draws trees that look like intestines, and that his panel layouts frequently resemble children's puzzles, and his penchant for over-inking, *Rudy Nebres* isn't a bad artist. I simply object to his fantasy approach to **VAMPIRELLA**. This series cries for the atmosphere of *Ted Browning's* "Dracula" or *Val Lewton's* "Cat People".

When *Gene Colan* departed from *Marvel* recently, did you try for his services on **VAMPIRELLA**? If you saw any issues of *Tomb of Dracula* you know that he would be a natural.

Regarding the continuing exploits of *Pantha* and *Cassandra St. Knight*: I'd much rather see that tranquilizing twosome supplanted by the likes of *Bruce Jones* and *Roger McKenzie*.

JEFFREY LOWNDES
Scranton, Pa.

ROGER TAYLOR'S FUN IN SPACE



Warren Publishing is pleased to announce that **CREEPY** magazine will appear on *Roger Taylor's*, the drummer of super group *Kiss*, first solo album! So, for a truly outstanding musical experience, pick yours up today!



What kind of ludicrous moronic cover was that on **VAMPIRELLA** #98? *Enrich* did that? Really? *Vampi* looks succulent, as usual, but I haven't seen a costume like that since the last time I saw professional wrestling on television!

ALAN FOSTER
Rocky River, Ohio

I was very pleased to see *Enrich's* artwork gracing the front cover of **VAMPIRELLA** once again. He is truly the best cover artist to ever render *Vampi* in color.

Also, one cannot judge a book by its cover. There was little art to boast of within the magazine itself. *Steven King*, in his letter in #96, stated that the art of the *Vampi* series has sadly declined in quality. I absolutely concur. Even though he is a new reader of **VAMPIRELLA** he too can tell that the quality has fallen to an unacceptable level. *Warren Publishing* must surely regret the loss of *Jose Gonzalez* and *Gonzalo Mayo*. They were fine artists. The contents page illustrations by *Gonzales* remain the highest form of "art" in the magazine. *Rudy Nebres*, unlike the aforementioned artists, is a mere rough illustrator, not an artist in the sense of the word. *Jose Ortiz* is very adept at rendering the female form, and should be assigned to bring **VAMPI** to life. Instead, he is stuck as a second-stringer with the *Pantha* series. The only exception to the average ho-hum stories in #98 was *Cassandra St. Knight*. Here, the plot, characters, and settings were completely hollow. The story in its entirety was unbelievable. *Rich Margopoulos* stretched credibility to its limit and snapped it in half with all his lewdities and dream-states and so forth. *St. Knight* should be dropped if her adventures continue to be unbelievable, even as fiction.

RAY BOYCE
Clemson, S.C.

I have been a reader of **VAMPIRELLA** magazine for many years, and I'm hardly ever disappointed. However, when I bought **VAMPIRELLA** #98, I found that I'd purchased a half-rare issue.

I liked "The Hound of Hell." *Rudy Nebres* truly captures *Vampi's* savage beauty at its most ravishing. His layouts are the best and most exciting in all of comic books. *Rich Margopoulos'* story moved as quickly as a sleek cat.

Speaking of cats, "Night of the Cat Goddess" was nothing more than okay. The story took a few twists and turns, but the art was second-rate. *Conrad Van Helsing* didn't look like himself.

"Armistice" was space-consuming junk not worth the ink it was drawn with. The plot, the action, and the art were all a pan-galactic yawn.

VAMPIRELLA will always be my favorite magazine. I only can hope that next issue will be better. Oh, and hang on to *Rudy Nebres*.

DR. ACULA
Atlanta, Georgia

**Vampi's
Scarlet Letters**
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FIRST
BROTHER
SHADRACH, THE
COUNCIL OF
WIZARD'S NEW
ANTIPOPE.

SECOND: SHADRACH THEN SENT
TELEPATHIC MESSAGE TO VAMPIRE
INSTRUCTING HER TO GO TO
HELLHOLE, A DESERT GHOST
TOWN, AND WAIT FOR PEN'S
LIVE!

**CAPTURED
PENDRAGON
TO WAIT
TRAP FOR
VAMPIRELLA!**

VAMPIRELLA

THIRD: NOT DARING TO RELY ON HER YOUTHFUL AND
INEXPERIENCED ROOMMATE GYSSIE COLLINS, VAMPIRELLA
RECRUITED ADAM AND RAYMOND TO HELP RESCUE
PENDRAGON.

**FOURTH BROTHER SHADRACH, HOWEVER, NEVER
INTENDED TO FREE PENDRAGON. HE ORDERED STALKING
WOLF TO SLAY VAMPIRE AND HER COMPANIONS WHEN THEY
ARRIVED AT HELLHOLE!**



ARMY OF THE DEAD

FIFTH: THE YOUNG NAVAHO UNLEASHED HIS MYSTIC ALLY, A DEMON-BIRD, TO FULFILL BROTHER SHADRACH'S COMMANDS!



SIXTH: ADAM AND VAMPI SPOTTED STALKING WOLF AND CHASED HIM ON FOOT!



SEVENTH: SENSING DANGER, BUT NOT TO HERSELF... PANTNA RACED SEVERAL MILES OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND ACROSS A DUST-FILLED DESERT.



TO MARK ADAM AND VAMPIRELLA!



FINALLY DRIVEN TO THE POINT OF TOTAL EXHAUSTION, PANTNA WATCHED HELPLESSLY AS A WINGED SHADOW SWIFT ACROSS THE GROUND BEFORE HER.



HEADED STRAIGHT AT HER BELOVED BOYFRIEND AND THE RAVEN-HAIRED RUNTRESS FROM THE ST-78!

THE PRESENT AS THE DEMONIC HELL-ING
CAME UPON ITS UNWITTING PREY. PANTHI
SUMMONED EVERY LAST VESTIGE OF HER
UNLIMBLY STRENGTH FOR A DESPERATE
LUNGE!

BRAWRRKK!!

VAMPIRE
ADAM! HIT
THE DICK
NOW!

WAA-??

JEZZUS!
TALK ABOUT
YOUR CLOSE
SHAVES. 1

PANTHI!
Y-YOU SAVED US!
BUT YOU'RE EX-
HAUSTED OUT
OF BREATH!

YEAH!
BARELY MADE IT
IN THE NICK OF
TIME!

PAT
YOURSELVES
ON THE BACK LATER!
THAT OVERGROWN PAA-
AKEET'S CIRCLING
AROUND FOR A
SECOND SHOT
AT US!

...WITH THIS

I COULD
EVOLVE INTO MY
BAT-FORM! BUT THE
THING'S TOO BIG
AND MOVING TOO
FAST TO FIGHT!

NO SWEAT
VAMPIRE I'LL PLUCK
ITS TAIL FEATH-
ERS

ADAM!
YOUR PISTOL
THE ONE THAT FIRES
BULLETS FORGED FROM
CONSECRATED SILVER?
IS IT ENOUGH TO
STOP THAT FLY-
ING MONSTER?



VAULTING FORWARD IN FRANTIC FELINE FURY, PANTH ROUGHLY SHOVES ADAM VAIN HELSING OUT OF ALAN'S WAY.



AS THE BLINDED BIRD CRASHED TO EARTH, ITS DEVILISH BODY IGNITING IN A PYRE OF HELL-CURSED FLAMES!



IN A SHACK SEVERAL MILES AWAY, THE SHAPE-SHIFTER CALLED STALKING WOLF SENSED HIS DARK ALLY'S FAILURE!



A TERRIFYING SCREAM, ECHOING FROM THE BOWELS OF HELL! DEATHWING HAS BEEN DEFEATED!

VAMPIRELLA AND THE OTHERS ARE TRULY FORGOTTEN TO BE RECALLED WITH, BUT WHERE ONE DEMON FAILED, NECROMANCY WILL SUCCEED!

OVER A CENTURY AGO, MY NAVAJO ANCESTORS MASSACRED THE INHABITANTS OF HELL-MOLE FOR ENCRUACHING UPON OUR SACRED BURIAL GROUND!



THE HATE-FILLED INTOXICATOR MUTTERED ANCIENT INCANTATIONS AS HE STOOD OVER THE LONG DEAD COMPOSSES IN THEIR MOLDERING GRAVES!



HOW IRONIC THAT I, AN INDIAN, WILL USE THE SAME SLAUGHTERED SETTLERS TO DESTROY THE COUNCIL'S WHITE ENEMIES!

FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY, NOTHING HAPPENED. BUT THEN, THERE CAME A BATTLE OF SHIFTING BURIALS!



AND A BONY HAND APPEARED!

IT WAS QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY COUNTLESS OTHERS, A HARVEST OF THE UNLIVING!



UNTIL EVERY ROTTING MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD CLAWED THEMSELVES FREE FROM THE CLINGING GROUND!

A VERITABLE ARMY
OF THE DEAD
SPRINGING FROM
THE EARTH LIKE
MALEVOLENT
FLOWERS OF EVIL!



THE TATTERED ZOMBIES STOOD ON UNSTEADY FEET, THEIR JOINTS CREAKING DEEPLY AS THEY SWAYED TO AND FRO AS IF BALANCING AGAINST A SILENT INVISIBLE MIND!



I AM
YOUR UNDISPUTED
MASTER, MY MIND-
LESS SLAVES!
SEEK OUT THE
LIVING

AND
KILL THEM!



LIKE SOME UNTHINKING MACHINE, THE
BLOODLESS DWELLERS OF HELLHOLE
TURNED AS ONE



AND MARCHED INTO THE TOWN'S
CRUMBLING RUINS, THEIR SOLE SINISTER
PURPOSE TO QUELL THREE HUMAN LIVES





IT'S
OKAY, DOLLFACE!
YOU'RE SAFE
NOW!

WHILE YOU
GET REACQUAINTED, I'LL
FINISH OFF THIS WALK-
ING CACAOERY!



UM, DID
YOU SAY FINISH?
SEEMS LIKE OUR
WORK'S JUST
BEGINNIN'!

SATYR
AND CIRCE*!

*THE TWIN SONS OF
VAMPIWELLA'S ALIEN
HOMELAND



LIVING
DEAD: DOZENS
OF THEM SHAM-
BLING DOWN THE
STREET!



HERE'S A
NOT FLASH! THEY'RE
CRAWLING OUTTA THE
WOODWORK, REMIND US
TOO! OUR RETREAT'S
OUT OFF!

OAMN!



"BAMM!"
"KABLAM!"

MAYBE
MY 357'LL SLOW
'EM DOWN!



AND THEN
AGAIN, MAYBE NOT!
GUESS YOU CAN'T KILL
SOMETHING ALREADY
DEAD!

WE HAVE
TO BEAT THOSE
SOULLESS GREAT
URES. BUT
NOW!





SAW
IDLE THREATS
MEAN NOTHING TO A
BRUJO

ONE
WHO CAN ASSUME
THE SHAPE OF
A WOLF AT
WILL!

GASP!
HE'S TRANSFORMING
AS HE LEAPS! I CAN'T
DODGE IN TIME



SOCIETY
MAY HAVE REJECTED
ME BECAUSE OF MY WOMAN
BLOOD, BUT THE COUNCIL
OF WIZARDS IS FREE
OF ANY SUCH PRE-
JUDICE!



THEY
VALUE MY TRUE
WORTH AS A MAN! WITH
YOUR DEATH, THEY WILL
HEAP REWARDS ON ME
MAKE ME A COVEN
LEADER!

NO! YOU'RE
WEAKENING! MY CLAWS
ARE TAKING THEIR
TOLL!

URGH—
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY ONE WHO'S
EVER SUFFERED!
LOOK AT ME!

A BLOOD
SHRINKING HURTS
FROM SPACE, MAROONED
ON YOUR PLANET
EARTH!



I KNEW
YOU WERE A WIMP-
MESS! BUT AN
ALLEN? AA-
AARRGH!

THEY
DISTRACTED HIM
ENOUGH, SO HE DIDN'T
FEEL ME SWIFTING
MY WEIGHT!



DEAR GOD!
HE'S RECOVERED IN-
STANTLY! HIS STRENGTH'S
EQUAL TO MINE! MAY-
BE GREATER!

CAN'T AFFORD
TO SPAR WITH HIM ANY
LONGER! HAVE TO BRING
THIS TO A FAST CONCLU-
SION, WITH A BITE
FROM MY VAMPIRE
BAT SHAPE!



NO!
HIS REFLEXES
SO IN-
STANT! SWIFT! S-
WALLOWED ME IN
MID-AIR
AND...

AND
HE'S STRANGLING
CHOKING ME!

DIE
VAMPIRE!!
DIE!!



WHAT WE NEED NOW IS BRUTE FORCE THE MORE THE BETTER

FRAID! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO COUNT ME OUT, ADAM! I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO BE MUCH HELP!

MUST'VE OVER-ASSERTED MYSELF! WHEN I RACED LIKE MAD TO SAVE YOU FROM THAT DEAF OF DEATH EARLIER!

GREAT! THAT'S JUST GREAT! THAT MEANS I'VE GOT TO DO IT ALONE! GOOD THING I EXCELLED AT COLLEGE FOOTBALL!

HERE! TAKE MY HAND! WE'LL TRY AND HOLD 'EM OFF IN THAT STABLE OVER THERE!



NO DOD! WE CAN'T BEAT HEADS IN QUICK ENOUGH! THEY'RE OVERWHELMING US! WAIT-A-MINUTE! THIS OLD LANTERN!

I SMELL THE UNMISTAKABLE SCENT OF OIL! WE CAN USE IT TO TORCH THE UNDEAD!



SHARP THINKING, GORGE! AND YOU THOUGHT I ONLY LOVED YOU FOR YOUR BODY!

GIVE IT A HEAVE AND RUN LIKE HELL FOR THE BACK OF THE BARN!

BUT I JUST REMEMBERED! WE'VE NO MATCHES! HOW CAN WE LIGHT IT?



BAM! BAM!

EASY! I'VE GOT SOMETHING BETTER THAN A Zippo - LIKE A COUPLE HOT ROUNDS OF JACKETED LEAD!



G-GUESS I SHOULD'VE MENTIONED THIS BEFORE, ADAM! BUT I-I JUST ACTIVELY FEAR FIRE!

RELAX, DAVE! I DON'T INTEND ON STICKING AROUND FOR THIS BARB-BQ!



ALL THAT DRY STRAW GOING UP IN THERE-I IT'S A REGULAR INFERNO!

YEAH! TOO BAD THOSE GEORGE ROMERO REJECTS AREN'T FIRE-PROOF!

SAY, IT JUST DAMNED ON ME. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO VAMPS?

PURRED FINGERS CRUSHED THE LIFE FROM VAMPIRELLA BEFORE LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS. THE VOLUPTUOUS DR. KULONNE REVERTED BACK TO HER HUMAN SELF!

"H HE COULD'VE
KILLED ME ALREADY. BUT
SOMETHING'S HOLDING HIM
BACK! I SENSE HE'S NOT
TOTALLY RMD."

"JUST
SMATTERED AND
MISGUIDED! I CAN
STILL SALVAGE HIS
SOUL. WITH
DRAKULONIAN
HYPNOSIS!"

"WOEF! LOOK
AT ME! DEEPLY! YOU'RE
NOT EVIL! THE COUNCIL IS
EXPLOITING YOUR HATRED
USING YOU TO DO
THEIR DIRTY
WORK!"

VAMPIRELLA'S PERCING GAZE FORCED
THE YOUTH TO SEE REASON! HIS
DEATHGRIP SLACKENED ABOUT
HER BRUISED
NECK!

"Y-YES, IT'S
WIDING! THE WHITE
RACE MADE ME SUFFER
FOR BEING A RED MAN,
BUT IT'S ALSO HIDING
FOR ME TO RE-AT
THEM WITH
HATE!"



"ETERNAL
DAMNATION!"

WITHOUT WARNING, A SLEET OF BLESSED
SILVER SUDDENLY EXPLODED THROUGH THE
TRAGIC WOLFMAN'S HEART!

"GOT HIM!"

"OH NO! NO!
DID YOU HAVE
TO?"

"WELL,
EXCUSE ME
FOR SAVING
YOUR LIFE,
VAMPI!"

"NEVER
MIND! LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE! WE
NEED CON-
RAD'S HELP
TO LOCATE
PEN!"

"AND WHEN WE
DO, I'LL MAKE BROTHER
SHADDOCH RUE THE DAY HE
EVER CROSSED PATHS
WITH ME!"

"HEY!
VAMPS' EYES
ARE FILLED
WITH TEARS!
WONDER WHAT
CAME DOWN
IN THERE?"

"I DON'T
KNOW, PANTY
AND FROM THE LOOK
OF THINGS, I
DON'T WANT
TO KNOW!"

end

IN A SECRET GOVERNMENT FACILITY IN THE SHADOW OF THE KREMLIN WALL, KATRINA YORGANOFF COMPLETED ANOTHER EXHAUSTING, TEDIOUS TWO-HOUR WORKOUT.

I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE, COLONEL KNAKOV!

TAKE YOUR TIME, MY DEAR! IT IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE TO WATCH SOMEONE WHOSE BODY IS AS PERFECT AS HER MIND!



SURELY, COLONEL, YOU DIDN'T COME HERE MERELY TO GAWK AT THE SWEATING COMMANDER OF THE KGB'S PSYCHIC WARFARE DIVISION?

AH, YOU READ ME LIKE AN OPEN BOOK, KATRINA! THIS DOSSIER IS WHAT'S ON MY MIND!



I'M SURE YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OPPOSITE NUMBER, RECENTLY RECRUITED BY THE CIA: CASSANDRA ST. KNIGHT?

SHE IS BEING GROOMED BY THE AMERICAN AGENT, BENJAMIN DARK, FOR THEIR PROJECT DANTEY. SHE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LINK FORCES WITH THEM! SHE IS TOO POWERFUL!



I TRUST YOU'VE TRIED TO NEUTRALIZE HER IN YOUR USUAL, BLATANTLY VIOLENT FASHION?

YES! AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT! NEEDLESS TO SAY IT FAILED - DISASTROUSLY!



VERY WELL, COLONEL! MY PSYCHIC DIVISION WILL STOP ST. KNIGHT FOR YOU!

I'LL USE HER OWN SHIVELING MORAL BELIEFS AS A WEAPON AGAINST HER! AND I SHALL SUCCEED GLORIOUSLY!



cassandra st. knight

DEEP INSIDE A SECRET GOVERNMENT BUILDING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF WASHINGTON, AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY DESPERATELY ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE THE PSYCHIC WARFARE GAP WITH THE IRON CURTAIN.

SO THIS IS YOUR FAMOUS "PROJECT DANTE" I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT. EH, BENJAMIN?

YOU KNOW IT, DOLL!

WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS THE WESTERN WORLD'S LARGEST PSYCHOTECHNOMIC GENERATOR, A DEVICE THAT ENHANCES AND AMPLIFIES MENTAL ENERGY FOR MILITARY APPLICATIONS.

SHE'S ONLY NODDING HER HEAD. PATRONIZING ME! WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO IMPRESS THIS LADY?

MINDWARS





YOU SOUND
EMBITTERED,
NICHOLAS!

DO I?
ALL I KNOW
IS THAT THE REDS
PROVOKED THE MOSLEM MOB
THAT KILLED MY BROTHER
AND THAT I'LL BE PAYING
THEM BACK TODAY WHEN WE
MENTALLY DESTROY THEIR
WINTER WHEAT
CROP!

WH-WHAT?!



NOW
WHERE WERE
WE-I-UM, I
CAN TELL BY
THAT STONEY
STARE THAT
SOMETHING'S
EATING
YOU!

YOUR
PROJECT, BEN-
JAMIN! I DON'T
MIND DEFENDING THE
LAND OF MY BIRTH, BUT
I REFUSE TO BEND RE-
ALITY TO MAKE INNO-
CENTS SUFFER AND
GO HUNGARY!



SORRY, BEN! GUESS
I SPOUTED OFF AT THE
MOUTH BEFORE YOU COULD
BRIEF HER ON TODAY'S
ASSIGNMENT!

IT'S OKAY, NICK!
CASSANDRA'S POLITIC-
ALLY NAIVE! IT'S ABOUT TIME
SHE GREW UP A BIT!



THE SOVIET'S HAVE
A LEG UP ON US WITH
PSYCHIC WARFARE, LADY.
GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO
STALIN! WHY DO YOU THINK THE
EAST COAST'S HAD A SERIES
OF ABNORMALLY COLD
WINTERS, HUH?



THE COMMIES
ARE TAMPERING WITH OUR
WEATHER PATTERNS! BUT WE
CAN PLAY HARBALL. TOOT PRO-
JECT DANTE'S GOING TO HIT
THEM WHERE IT HURTS.
IN THE BREAD BASKET!



YOU CAN-
NOT GARGEL A RUSSIAN
EVIL WITH AN EVIL OF
YOUR OWN!

I REGRET THIS,
MR. DARK, BUT I
FEAR I MUST WITHDRAW
MY SUPPORT FROM
YOUR PROJECT!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, KATRINA AND HER ELITE PSYCHIC SQUAD DOFFED THEIR THOUGHT-AMPLIFYING HELMETS IN A MIND-WARFARE COMPLEX THAT DWAINE THE AMERICAN PROJECT IN SIZE AND SCOPE!

BY YOUR
SLY SMILE, AM I
TO INFER ST. KNIGHT
HAS BEEN DEALT WITH
AS PLANNED?



TRUE!
WE BEAMED TELE-
PATHIC SUGGESTIONS
AT OUR TARGET! HER
DEFENSES WERE
INCREDIBLE.

BUT I
ALONG WITH
THE DOZEN HAND
PICKED OTHERS
FINALLY BROKE
THROUGH!

SHE HAS
BEEN PERMAN-
ENTLY DISSUADED FROM
JOINING THE CAPITALIST'S
MINDWAR PROJECT! WITH-
OUT ST. KNIGHT'S ADDI-
TIONAL POWER

THE CIA OPERATION IS
NOW OPEN AND VULNERABLE TO
PSYCHIC ATTACK FROM US!



EXCELLENT, KATRINA!
EXCELLENT! THE IMPERIALIST PROJECT
DANTE HAS BEEN A THORN IN THE SIDE OF
MOTHER RUSSIA LONG ENOUGH

IT IS
TIME THAT THORN WAS
COMPLETELY ANNIHILATED FROM
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH!





BENJAMIN MUST
THINK I'M A FOOL! HOW
COULD HE EVEN THINK I
WOULD LEND MY SERVICES IN
SUCH MINDLESS DESTRUCTION
AND—

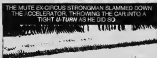


SUDDENLY CASSANDRA'S THIRD EYE AWARENESS
BEGAN TO THROB AND PULSATE PAINFULLY!

W-WAIT! THAT
THROBBING, ACHING,
WARNING ME OF DANGER!
B-BUT...NOT TO ME!



NADW!
GO BACK!
QUICKLY!



THE MUTE EX-CIRCUS STRONGMAN SLAMMED DOWN
THE ACCELERATOR, THROWING THE CAR INTO A
TIGHT 4-TURN AS HE DID SO.



AND SCANT MINUTES LATER, SCREECHED
TO A HALT WITH A SPRAY OF GRAVEL
BEFORE THE UNUSUAL STRUCTURE
THEY HAD JUST DEPARTED FROM.



HONEY, I
DON'T CARE IF
YOU'RE THE FIRST
LADY! NO ONE GETS
PAST ME WITHOUT
DARK'S ORDERS!

BUT I JUST
LEFT HERE!
THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY



HEY!



CASSANDRA RUSHED INTO THE
BOWELS OF THE TOP SECRET
COMPLEX!



CASSANDRA BURST INTO THE PSYCHOTRONIC RESEARCH ROOM!



AS THE ACID, SWIRLING SMOKE DISSIPATED, THE SILVER-TRESSED MYSTIC DISSOLVED HER FORCE GLOBE WITH A MERE WAVE OF HER HAND!



H-HE'S DEAD!



SHIVA AND KALI THE RUSSIANS HAVE TO BE BEHIND THIS SABOTAGE!



ONLY THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE SUCH ULLTER DEVIATION.

BUT THEIR UNWARRANTED ATTACK SHAN'T GO UNREWARDED!



NICHOLAS! GILBERT! JOIN HANDS WITH ME FORM A GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS I CAN TAP INTO!

WHAT GOOD WILL THAT ACCOMPLISH, MIGHT OUR TECHTRONIC GENERATOR'S BUSTED BEYOND REPAIR. IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED!



GIL, MY LAD, FROM THE WAY HER ALPIS SIPHERING OUR POWER TO ADD TO HER OWN

CASSANDRA'S OUTLINE WAVERED FOR AN INSTANT, AND THEN WINKED OUT OF EXISTENCE BEFORE THE TWO STARTLED ON-LOOKERS!

I DON'T THINK SHE NEEDS A MACHINE TO INCREASE HER PSIONIC TALENTS THE WAY WE DO



MEANWHILE, BACK IN MOSCOW, :

DON'T YOU
THINK THAT'S A BIT
PREMATURE, COMRADES?

A TOAST, KATIRINA,
TO THE TOTAL OBLI-
VATION OF PROJECT
DANTE!



KATIRINA DARTED TO THE RUSSIAN
PSYCHOTRONIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT. :

STALL HER,
COLONEL! GRANT ME
TIME SO MY PSYCHIC SQUAD
CAN COLLECTIVELY DEAL
WITH HER!



THE MONOLITHIC
COMPUTER BANKS BEGAN
TO VIBRATE WITH PURE
MIND-FORCE. ITS RELAYS
MULTIPLYING THE
HUMMING POWER OVER
AND OVER AGAIN IN AN
INCREDIBLE GEOMETRIC
PROGRESSION!



THE STUNNED KGB AGENTS WHEELED ABOUT TO
WITNESS CASSANDRA, MATERIALIZING IN THEIR VERY
MOST... HER CLOCK APPARUS AS IF IN THE GRIP OF
AN UNSEEN WIND!



LENIN'S
GHOST! IT'S
HER! BUT... NOW!
WE DESTROYED THE
ACCUSED YANKEE
THOUGHT-GEN-
ERATORS!



I'LL DO MORE
THAN STALL HER,
KATIRINA! SHE MUST
HAVE TAKEN HERSELF TO
THE LIMIT IN ORDER
TO COME HERE!

I DOUBT SHE
HAS THE STRENGTH
TO DEFLECT A
BULLET!

YOU
DOUBT MY PROW-
ESS, LITTLE MAN? DO
YOU NOW?

AAAAAGNN!



WHILE THE COLD-BLOODED KILLER WAS SLAMMED WITHOUT MERCY AGAINST A FAN WALL, THE SOVIET PSYCHICS CONCENTRATED UPON A SINGLE, BURNING THOUGHT... THE DEATH OF ST. KNIGHT!

SCREAMING LIKE AN UNLEASHED DEMON, THE RUSSIAN PSYCHOTRON BLASTED AWAY AT ITS VOLUPTUOUS TARGET! WAVE AFTER BEARING WAVE BATTERED THE HAPLESS MYSTIC OFF HER FEET!

WOMAN, YOU HAVE MOCKED ME FOR THE FINAL TIME!

UNNE NEVER FELT SUCH NAKED POWER BEFORE!

WHAT KRAKON SAID EARLIER, IS TRUE! I AM NEARLY AT MY LIMITS!

BUT I AM A LIVING SPIRIT INCARNATE! I CANNOT BE DEFEATED BY A MACHINE! I WILL NOT!!

HAVE TO FOCUS MY AWARENESS INTO A SINGLE POINT. POUR ALL MY STRENGTH INTO CREATING A SHIELD OF COUNTER-FORCE!

QURUA, MY SPIRITUAL MASTER, SENSES MY DANGER! HE'S TELEPATHICALLY WHISPERING TO ME, URGING ME ON!

AS A SOUL, MY STUDENT, YOU ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE UNIVERSAL MIND! A FIGHT FOR A SOUL WHO HAS TRANSCENDED THAT MIND IS NOT A FIGHT AT ALL, BUT AN EFFORTLESS EFFORT! REMEMBER THAT!



GURUVA'S GONE... VANISHED BUT HIS RINGING WORDS HAVE INSPIRED CASSANDRA!

WITH RENEWED MOOD, SHE DREW STRENGTH FROM THE CORE OF HER KINGNESS: HER VERY SOUL.



NO! YOU DEFEATED US. REDUCED OUR MATCHLESS GENERATOR TO SO MUCH WORTHLESS RUBBISH! IMPOSSIBLE!...

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. COLONEL KRANKOV! YOU MAY HAVE A WIDE LEAD IN PSYCHIC WARFARE OVER THE AMERICANS.

BUT THERE ARE OTHER FORCES, HIGHER FORCES AT WORK. YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT! FAREWELL!

DAMN HERE! IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, I'LL SEE HER IN HELL!



PANTHA



AS PANTHA FOUGHT A RAZOR-WIELDING
RAPIST IN CENTRAL PARK, ADAM WAS
FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE ON THE MANHATTAN
WATERFRONT!

ADAM'S FRIEND DANNY WAS KILLED,
APPARENTLY MURDERED BY A CORPSE!

WAS A GANGLAND WAR BREWING OVER
CONTROL OF THE EASTERN DRUG TRAFFIC?
WHY WERE SO MANY CORPSES BEING LEFT
AROUND MANHATTAN? WHO WAS
COMMITTING THE ZOMBIE MURDERS?

NOW, NEW YORK POLICE DETECTIVE CARMINE
DEVITO WAS BEING CHOKED TO DEATH
BEFORE ADAM'S VERY EYES!

BULLETS
CAN'T STOP THAT
THING. I CAN'T JUST
STAND HERE AND
WATCH DEVITO
DIE!

THE HAITIAN CONNECTION





WHILE ADAM TRADED BARBS WITH THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY.

PANTHA HAD RETURNED TO THE VAN HELSING MANSION EXHAUSTED.



SCRATCH ANOTHER WEIRDO! THE CENTRAL PARK SLASHER IS SAFELY TUCKED AWAY IN BELLEVUE FOR OBSERVATION. HOPEFULLY FOR A LO-O-O-NG TIME!

SO INTENSE WAS THE DRAKULONNE'S LASSITUDE THAT NO SOONER DID HER HEAD TOUCH THE PILLOW THAN PANTHA WAS DEEP IN SLEEP.



A DREAM ENVELOPED HER DEFENSELESS SENSES. A DREAM BEST DESCRIBED AS A NIGHTMARE! THERE, IN A PURE BLACK GULF OF ENDLESS SPACE, FILLED WITH THE COLD GLITTER OF DIAMOND BRIGHT STARS.



A WAR FLARED IN THAT ENDLESS WASTE LIKE AN ALL CONSUMING STELLAR CANCER.

THE SPARKLING DIAMONDS OF THE COSMOS BECAME BLOOD-RED RAVINES AND PLANETS WERE STAINED CARMINO.



THE AIR LESS VOID FLASHED WITH DEATH RAYS, EXPLOSIONS, GORE, AND THE SILENT SCREAMS OF THE MAIMED AND DYING.

THE SHAPE-SHIFTING RACES OF TWO WORLDS, DRAKULON AND LUPAE, FOUGHT A BITTER BATTLE TO THE DEATH.

TOTALLY ERADICATING DRAKULON, THE HOMEWORLD OF THE FEARSOME CAT PEOPLE.



A DEADLY BEAM FROM FAR-FLUNG LUPAE STRUCK ONE OF DRAKULON'S STARS, SATYR, FORCING IT TO GO NOW!



AS DRAKULON'S ATMOSPHERE BOILED AWAY INTO THE HARD VACUUM OF SPACE... A PITIFULLY SMALL NUMBER OF CRAFTS MANAGED TO ESCAPE INTO THE COLD, ETERNAL NIGHT OF SPACE!

ONE SUNSPANNER, IN PARTICULAR, CONTAINED A NOBLEMAN NAMED FELLUS WHO LOYALLY SERVED AS A HIGH-RANKING SENATOR IN DRAKULON'S WORLD GOVERNMENT



THE VICIOUS LUPAE PURSUED THE REMNANTS OF DRAKULON ACROSS THE COSMOS IN A LONG, ARDUOUS CAT AND MOUSE CHASE THAT ENDED HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH!



FOR A FULL TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FELLUS BATTLED HIS LUPITE PURSUER ONLY TO CRASH AND BURN IN EGYPT'S NILE RIVER UNTOLD AGES AGO *



*SEE VAMPIRELLA #90

AN EXPERT HEALER, FELLUS CURRIED FAVOR WITH THE PHAROAH'S COURT AND WAS SOON APPOINTED ROYAL PHYSICIAN



FELLUS WAS LOVED FOR HIS HEALING ARTS

AND FEARED FOR HIS ALIEN ABILITY TO CHANGE INTO A NIGHT-ROVING BEAST



FELLUS, KNOWN BY HIS EGYPTIAN NAME, KAFRA, EVENTUALLY TOOK A WIFE AND THEIR OFFSPRING INHERITED THEIR FATHER'S UNEARTHLY GENES



A LINE OF SHAPE-CHANGERS WAS ESTABLISHED THAT STRETCHED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES FROM THE DIM BEGINNING OF RECORDED TIME.



UNTIL THAT LINE ENDED IN THE PRESENT WITH PANTHA. AND SO, TOO, DID THE MEMORIES END WITH HER TERMINATING IN INKY BLACKNESS.



SUDDENLY HER DREAM SHATTERED INTO MILLIONS OF GLIMMERING FRAGMENTS, AND PANTHA WROTE IN HER SLEEP.



SUDDENLY, THE BEDROOM DOOR FLEW OPEN AND THE ELDER VAN HELSING, CONRAD, BURST INTO THE ROOM.



A HORRIBLE DREAM THAT JUST HAPPENS TO BE TRUE! A BIG CHUNK OF MY PAST IS A BLANK AND... AND IT KEEPS HAUNTING ME!





I JUST
ARRIVED IN FROM
THE COAST AND WAS ABOUT
TO RETIRE FOR THE EVENING
WHEN I SENSED
YOUR DISTRESS

RELAX
NOW, CHILD
AND ALLOW ME TO PSYCHICALLY
ASCERTAIN THE
SITUATION FIRST
HAND



A-ALL RIGHT
I'M SO DESPERATE, I'LL
TRY ANYTHING...

WITH HIS FINGERTIPS PLACED
AGAINST HIS SILVERED-TEMPLES,
THE AGED BLIND MAN
CONCENTRATED



AND GENTLY CAST HIS PROBING
PSYCHIC AWARENESS INTO THE DEPTHS
OF PANTNA'S TROUBLED MIND.

SHE SPOKE THE
TRUTH, MUCH, IF NOT
ALL, OF HER PAST IS
BLACKED OUT



I CAN
FORCE THE
MENTAL BARRIERS
BUT IT WOULD
PROVE PAINFUL
PERHAPS EVEN
HARMFUL! NO!
IT IS BEST
THAT I
WITHDRAW!

PANTNA!
I HAD HOPED TO
PSYCHICALLY NUDGE
YOUR MEMORIES INTO
PLACE, BUT IT
IS BEYOND MY
CAPACITY TO
DO SO



OH, CONRAD. IT
IT'S USELESS. HOW CAN I BE
A COMPLETE WOMAN, WHEN I
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO OR
WHAT I REALLY AM?

I'M
TRULY
SORRY!

IT'S NOT
FAIR. IT'S JUST
NOT FAIR!



WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE, BABY? WHY'S DAD
IN OUR ROOM?

HUH?
ADAM...



GETTING
IN RATHER LATE,
AREN'T YOU,
SON?

FOR GOOD
REASON: DAN BERGMAN
WAS MURDERED
TONIGHT!

DANIEL? NO!
DIDN'T YOU WARN HIM HIS
LINKS WITH ORGANIZED
CRIME WOULD COME TO
NOTHING GOOD?



TIME
AND AGAIN, DAD,
BUT YOU KNOW DANNY
HOW HEADSTRONG
HE WAS!

AT ANY RATE, THE
POLICE HAVE SWORN ME TO SE-
CRET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.
ALL I CAN SAY IS A CRIME
BOSS NAMED MURKOW PROBABLY
HAD HIM KILLED.



MURKOW? I
JUST HEARD ON THE NEWS
TODAY THAT HE'S VACATIONING
SOMEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN.
MATT, I THINK!



IF HE
PUNKED OUT A
FRIEND OF YOURS,
ADAM, MAYBE WE
SHOULD PAY THIS
MURKOW CHARACTER
A VISIT.

YOU
KNOW IT,
PANTH.



MATT? HUH?
AN OLD COLLEAGUE OF
MINE, DR. JIMMIEVEL ACTUS
IS DOING GENETIC RE-
SEARCH DOWN
THERE.

PERHAPS, DEAR
GIRL, HIS WORK, SPECIFICALLY
WITH MEMORY RNA, COULD OVER-
COME WHATEVER PSYCHOLOGICAL
TRAUMA IS BLOCKING
YOUR PAST.



YOU'VE
SOLOME, PROFES-
SOR. WHEN DO
WE LEAVE,
ADAM?

TOMORROW
WITH THE MORNING'S
TIDE. NOW YOU'LL HAVE
TO EXCUSE US, DAD.
PANTH AND I NEED
TO BE ALONE TO,
ER, CATCH UP
ON OUR REST.

AS DO
I, SON.
AS DO.

THE NEXT DAY FOUND A LAVISH
CRUISER SLUGGING ITS WAY
SOUTHWARD THROUGH THE FOAM-
FLECKED ATLANTIC



I KNOW
ADAM DIDN'T WANT
MOONCHILD TAGGING
ALONG, BUT HIS
FATHER
INSISTED!

AT FIRST,
I KINDA RESSENTED THE
FACT SHE WAS ALWAYS
WITH MY MAN



I THOUGHT,
YOU KNOW, MAYBE CONRAD
HIRED HER TO DRIVE A
WEDGE BETWEEN US,
BREAK US UP!

BUT THAT'S RI-
DICULOUS! I'VE
NEVER SEEN HER
COME CLOSE TO
MAKING A PLAY
FOR ADAM!

IN FACT, I DOUBT IF
THE NOTION'S EVER
ENTERED
HER PRETTY
JAPANESE
HEAD!



I LIKE
MOONCHILD...
WOULDN'T MIND BEING
FRIENDS WITH HER,
REALLY. BUT SHE'S
SO, I DON'T
KNOW...

SO
COLD AND DISTANT.
OH, WELL...!



VERY MOVEMENT IN - STORM WIND ON LAND OFF SHORE
COUNTLESS FATHERS AWAY

THEY COME,
MADAME JE-ROUSE. CAN
YOU NOT FEEL IT IN YOUR
BONES? AS THE PETRO
LOA* FORETOLD!

I KNOW
THEY COME. BARDN
AND MADAM RED EYES
IS PREPARED FOR
THEM. WATCH!

THE LESSER VOODOO
GODS

BADE
GOD OF WIND
ACCEPT THIS GIFT
AND NEED MY
CALL!





HIGH IN THE PYRENEES, LONG AFTER THE GLORY OF IMPERIAL
ROME HAD FADED, THE ANCIENT KINGDOM OF NAVARRA HUGGLED
FEARFULLY BEHIND HIGH-WALLED TOWNS.

IT WAS A WILD AGE AS BARBARIANS RAMPAGED THROUGHT
THE HILLS AND VALLEYS OF EUROPE. IT WAS A DARK AGE
AS LEGENDS THAT HAD SLUMBERED FOR UNTOLD AGES
AWAKENED TO WALK THE EARTH ONCE MORE.

dragon

DEEP WITHIN THE MOUNTAINS OF NAVARRA, THE
DEMON AWOKEN ITS SLEEP WAS DISTURBED BY
THE SOUNDS OF WAR AND ITS SENSES WERE EN-
TICED BY THE SMELL OF FRESHLY SPILLED
BLOOD!

A POOR AND FEARFUL
KINGDOM BECAME YET
POORER AND FAR MORE
DESPERATE!

WITH A MIGHTY ROAR IT THREW OFF ITS MAN-
TLE OF EARTH AND RAMPAGED ACROSS THE
COUNTRYSIDE DEVOURING EVERY LIVING THING!

THE KING ORDED VALIANT MEN AND FEARFUL PEASANTS
ARMED AND SENT THEM TO DESTROY THE GREENSCALED
BEHEMOTH

...TO NO AVOID



THOUSANDS DIED THE
DRAGON SHEPT THROUGH
THE RANKS OF THE
KINGDOM'S ARMIES AS
THROUGH A FLOCK OF
LAMBS!

NEVERTHELESS, THE DRAGON THUNDERED ON, DRIVEN BY ITS
MINDLESS, INSATIABLE HUNGER, LEAVING ONLY MOUNDS OF
BONES TO WHITEN IN THE SUN!



A NATION WAS DYING;
DIRGES FILLED THE AIR AS
WIVES AND DAUGHTERS
MADE THEIR WAY TO THE
FUNERAL PILE!

ASBEST TERROR FILLED THE KINGDOM, UNTIL
FINALLY THE KING TRIED THE MOST
DESPERATE SCHEME OF ALL!

THE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR WAS SET UP DEEP IN THE FOREST AND THE TERRIFIED
PEOPLE OFFERED UP THEIR LIVESTOCK AND BEASTS OF BURDEN TO THE AN-
CIENT LEGEND, AND THE LEGEND WAS PLEASED, FOR PEACE ONCE AGAIN
DESCENDED UPON THE KINGDOM OF NAVARRA!

WE WILL
DELIVER TO
THE DRAGON A PAIR
OF ANIMALS EACH
DAY, TO THE SAME
PLACE IN THE
FOREST!



BUT MY PEOPLE
ARE POOR, SO DESPER-
ATE... HOW MUCH TIME CAN THIS
BUY US? HOW LONG WILL
WE, OURSELVES LIVE?



BUT WITHIN A YEAR, ALL THE KINGDOM'S ANIMALS DISAPPEARED INTO THE
MAW OF THE MONSTER, THE DRAGON, INSATIABLY HUNGRY AGAIN, RESUMED
ITS SEARCH FOR FOOD!



TURNING, THE PRINCESS LEFT HER
STROKEN PEOPLE BEHIND HER IN
HER CHAMBERS SHE DRESSED
HERSELF AS A BRIDE.



SHE THOUGHT ABOUT HER PRO-
SPECTIVE SUITOR. DEATHY SHE
HOPED HE WOULD COME QUICKLY!

SLOWLY, ANA LEFT THE CASTLE, WITH
EACH MEASURED STEP SHE SAVORED
HER MEMORIES.

OF MOUNTAIN MEADOWS IN SPRING.

OF THE SETTING SUN, PIERCED BY A
CASTLE SPIRE.

OF BOLD AND HANDSOME MEN LONG
SINCE DEAD!



NOW IT WAS HER TURN, HER TURN TO
JOIN THEM.

QUETLY ANA SLIPPED THROUGH
THE CASTLE'S SECRET WAYS AND
OUT INTO THE FOREST!



THERE, IN THE PINY HEART OF THE FOREST,
SHE SLIPPED FROM HER CLOTHES. ANA
WOULD DEPART THIS WORLD AS NAKEDLY AS
SHE ENTERED. HER BODY AND SOUL STRIPPED
BARE BEFORE THE EYES OF GOD, AWAITING
THE HOUR OF JUDGEMENT!



SUDDENLY THE DEEP SILENCE OF THE FOREST WAS SHATTERED BY THE SNAPPING OF OLD BONES! ANA WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO OPEN HER EYES AND GAZE UPON THE HORRIBLE MONSTER "SAWELY". SHE THOUGHT "MY HORSE IS AT HAND!"

WHO ARE YOU, WOMAN? AND WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON THAT STINKING PILE OF BONES?

OH!

YOU MUST BE A STRANGER TO THESE PARTS NOT TO KNOW FOR THE STORY IS LONG AND SAD!

AND YOU'D BEST BE ON YOUR WAY IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SERVE LIKE ME, AS A SACRIFICE TO.



THE DEMON OF MIAIRAI



BY ODM!
WHAT MANNER OF
OVERGROWN LIZARD
IS THIS?



THIS
BLADE HAS WASTED
THE LANDS OF THE
NORTH.



LAD LOW
SARACENS UPON THEIR
DESERT SANDS



IMPALED SEA
MONSTERS IN THEIR
MURKY DEPTHS...



BUT THIS
CREATURE HAD YET TO
TASTE THE WRATH OF
A MANY



THE BLONDE VIKING GIANT PARRIED EVERY LUNGE OF THE DRAGON WHILE DOUGING DEEP WOUNDS WITH ITS FLESH SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, THE MONSTER'S LIFE BLOOD BEGAN TO EBB UNTIL FINALLY...



CRUNCH!

THE VIKING BURIED HIS SWORD DEEP IN THE CREATURE'S BRAIN

FOUNTAINS OF BLOOD GEYSERED OUTWARD AS THE CREATURE FINALLY EXPIRED



DRAGON'S BLOOD FLOODED THE FOREST GLADE, SPLATTERING EVERYTHING



MAGICALLY, A DROP FELL ON A HUMBLE UNASSAILING WEED AND TRANSFORMED IT INTO A SINGLE, PERFECT ROSE!



HERE, WOMAN! SOMETIMES, UNDER THE MOST TERRIBLE APPEARANCE YOU WILL FIND A HIDDEN BEAUTY. NEVER BE DECEIVED BY THE AWE-SOME ASPECTS OF THEIR WRAPPINGS, FOR THEY ARE EMPTY SYMBOLS!

EVEN NOW, SIR, THE DRAGON SEEMS HARDLY EMPTY IT CAUSED TOO MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING TO BE DISMISSED OR FORGOTTEN NO MATTER WHAT YOU CALL IT. IT WILL NEVER BE A ROSE!



IT HARDLY MATTERS THE DRAGON IS DEAD AND WITH IT YOUR FEARS!

YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF YOUR PEOPLE CAN NOW BE LIKE A GARDEN OF ROSES. THAT IS UP TO YOU!



COME NOW!
THIS HIDEOUS GLADE
OF DESTRUCTION IS
NO PLACE FOR ONE
SUCH AS YOU!

WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHAT DO YOU
WANT?

MY
KINGDOM
WILL GLADLY
PAY YOU FOR
SLAYING THE
DRAGON!



WHAT DOES
IT MATTER WHO I
AM? AND I WANT
NOTHING!



BUT ALWAYS
REMEMBER ME,
FOR I WILL NOT DIE
AS LONG AS SOME-
ONE REMEMBERS!



PERHAPS WE WILL MEET AGAIN! I WILL BE IN
CATALONIA, ON THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT JORDI. IT
MAY BE THAT THERE I WILL MEET A WOMAN WHERE
ONCE A PRINCESS WALKED.

HOW STRANGE!
HIS AWESOME ASPECT
HID SOMETHING RATHER
UNEXPECTED... A BAR-
BARIAN WITH
WISDOM!

QIANG HAD QYNA IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND WITH HIS DAUGHTER, SU-ALI, ON THE THRONE AND THE TRUE NEAR TO THE IMPERIAL SEAT, PRINCESS MING-TOI, IMPRISONED IN HIS CASTLE. HE WAS ABLE AT LAST TO FULFILL HIS THIRST FOR UNLIMITED WEALTH AND POWER.

HIS SOLDIERS STORMED THROUGH THE LAND LIKE THE FURIES OF HELL AND DEMANDED OUTRAGEOUS TAXES OR CONDEMNED THE UNFORTUNATE PEASANTS TO A LIFETIME OF SLAVERY. BEHIND THEM THEY LEFT A RAVISHED AND DESTITUTE PEOPLE.



THE FOX











HELLO MADAME LU! IT HAS BEEN TOO MANY YEARS SINCE WE HAVE SEEN EACH OTHER!

MING-FOU HOW DARE YOU SHOW YOUR FACE TO ME! I AM TOO OLD A WOMAN TO BE AFRAID TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I DESPISE YOU!



I DID NOT ORDER YOUR HUSBAND'S EXECUTION AN IMPOSTER SITS UPON THE THRONE, AND SHE HAD YANG-TSI KILLED! I LOVED THE OLD MAN

AND HE LOVED YOU

AN IMPOSTER? IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID? IT COULD ONLY BE QUANG'S DAUGHTER. MY HUSBAND TOLD ME HE HAD SEEN YOUR TWIN IN QUANG'S PALACE ONCE



IF YOU BELIEVE ME THEN HELP ME TO DEFEAT YANG-TSI'S KILLERS! GIVE ME AN ARMY OF DEAD MEN TO RISE UP AGAINST QUANG'S FORCES

YOU HAVEN'T THE SKILL TO CONTROL SUCH AN ARMY! HOWEVER, YOU DO RULE OVER ANOTHER KINGDOM WHICH COULD SERVE YOUR NEEDS



HERE IS THE INCANTATION YOU WANT. MEMORIZE THIS PAGE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! I AM IN YOUR DEBT, MADAME LU!



I WISH I HAD MORE TIME TO PRACTICE THE TONES OF THE CHANT. ONE WRONG NOTE COULD TURN MY OWN FORCES AGAINST ME!



O LORDS OF THE
FORESTS AND STREAMS
HEAR ME! WHO AM BOTH
HUMAN AND BEAST AND OF
ROYAL BLOOD, COMMAND YOUR
ATTENTION SU-MA-KU LORD
OF THE DEAD, GIVE ME
AN ARMY TO VANQUISH
THIS TYRANNY FROM
THE LAND!



"LET THE CORPOREAL BODIES OF
FALLEN BEASTS RISE UP ONCE
MORE AND SEND THEM AGAINST
THE SPOILERS OF THE FIELD."





THE BLOODLESS ARMY PRESSED THE ATTACK, SLASHING AND PIERCING WITH A DEMONIC FRENZY BORN ONLY IN HELL IN LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR, QUANG'S FORCES WERE DECEIMATED.

SCATTERED LIKE CHAFF IN THE WIND IN FEAR, CONFUSION, AND DEFEAT!



INCREDIBLE! NOW KING MU CAN PRESS HIS OWN ASSAULT AGAINST QUANG WITH HIS OWN FORCES INTACT

BUT QUANG STILL CONTROLS A VAST BODY OF TROOPS



OF COURSE MOST OF THEM OWE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE EMPRESS MING-TOI AND NOT TO HIM!

I HAVE ONE MORE SERVICE TO PERFORM FOR KING MU MY LOVE! THEN WE CAN BE TOGETHER!

IF IT INVOLVES CUNNING BE CAREFUL! YOU WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST FOX CAUGHT IN HER OWN TRAP!



LATER THAT EVENING WITHIN THE PALACE OF GUANG.



SUN LI:
WHY WOULD MY
DAUGHTER BE SKULK-
ING THROUGH THE
CORRIDORS LIKE
A THIEF?

OR HAS
MING-TOI ESCAPED
AGAIN?



WHAT?
WHAT IS
THIS?



SO THIS
IS HOW MING-TOI HAS
BEEN ABLE TO SLIP
THROUGH MY FINGERS
SO MANY TIMES

BUT NEVER
AGAIN. NOW THAT
I KNOW HER
SECRET



GUARDS!
THERE IS A FOX ROAMING
THROUGH THE PALACE. I
WANT HER FOUND AND
SLAIN IMMEDI-
ATELY!

A FOX?
YES, MY LORD
WHATEVER YOU
SAY!



HAS HE
GONE MAD? WITH
ASSASSINS LURK-
ING BEHIND EV-
ERY CORNER
GUANG SENDS
US TO SLAY
A FOX!

THERE
MUST BE SOME
LOGIC TO HIS
COMMAND



OF
COURSE
THERE'S A
REASON!

FORGIVE
ME, YOUR HIGHNESS!
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO
QUESTION LORD GUANG.
WE JUST DON'T
UNDERSTAND!



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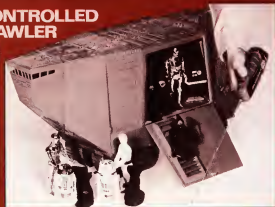
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